

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 remain in the application and claim 1 has been amended hereby. New claim 10 has been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Kawano et al. and of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Kawano et al.

The present invention relates to a network system connecting a plurality of different types of user terminals, e.g. a TV, a PC, a cellphone, etc. to a server. Each of the plurality of different types of user terminals has associated therewith terminal type attributes and media type attributes such as high resolution, low resolution, voice, etc. See Figs. 2 and 5 of the present application, for example.

The server includes a means for updating and identifying a latest type of terminal device being used by a user, that is, the server has a means for identifying when a user has moved from one terminal device to another terminal device and a means for transmitting message information to the other terminal device.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the above-noted features of the present invention.

Looking at Kawano et al. we see a system including a plurality of clients, a plurality of service providing servers, and a service intermediate server. In the system of Kawano et al., one of the clients requests a service from the service

intermediate server and receives the service searched by the service intermediate server on behalf of the client.

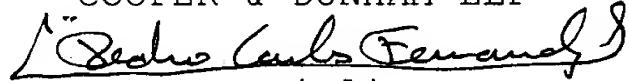
It is respectfully submitted that Kawano et al. fails to show or suggest a means for updating and identifying a latest type of terminal device being used by a user so that the service can be delivered to that latest terminal device. In Kawano et al. the client requesting the service and the client receiving the service are the same device.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1, claim 3 depending therefrom, and new claim 10 are patentable distinct over Kawano et al.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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